Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

May 2015

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey during the week covering May 10th to 16th, 2015, there were 582,700 persons employed in Saskatchewan. This is an increase of 13,200 from April 2015 and 4,800 more than the number employed in May 2014.

Agricultural employment was 42,900 persons in May 2015, up 1,900 from the April 2015 level but 2,400 less than the May 2014 agricultural employment level of 45,300. Non-agricultural employment was 539,800 persons in May 2015. This is an increase of 11,300 from the April 2015 non-agriculture employment level of 528,500 and 7,200 more than May 2014.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for May 2015 was 5.3 percent. This is an increase of 0.5 percentage points from the April 2015 rate of 4.8 percent and 1.3 percentage points higher than the May 2014 level of 4.0 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force increased by 17,300 to 615,300 persons in May 2015 from 598,000 persons in April 2015. This is 13,300 more than the May 2014 labour force of 602,000 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate rose 1.9 percentage points to 71.5 percent in May 2015 from 69.6 percent in April 2015. The May 2014 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 70.7 percent.

There were 32,600 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during May 2015. This is an increase of 4,100 from April 2015 and is 8,500 more than the number unemployed in May 2014.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 575,400 persons employed in Saskatchewan in May 2015, unchanged from April 2015 but up 5,600 from the May 2014 employment level of 569,800 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for May 2015 was 4.9 percent. This is an increase of 0.6 percentage points from the April 2015 rate of 4.3 percent and 0.9 percentage points higher than the May 2014 rate of 4.0 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment increased by 412,600 persons in May 2015 to 18,110,500 persons from 17,697,900 persons in April 2015. In May 2014, there were 17,924,400 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate for May 2015 was 7.1 percent. This is unchanged from the April 2015 level but is 0.1 percentage points lower than the May 2014 level of 7.2 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 6.8 percent in May 2015. This is unchanged from the April 2015 level but is 0.2 percentage points lower than the May 2014 level of 7.0 percent.

TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	May 2015	April 2015	May 2014	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADA					
Labour Force ('000)	19,484.2	19,058.7	19,313.9	425.5	170.3
Employed ('000)	18,110.5	17,697.9	17,924.4	412.6	186.1
Full-Time ('000)	14,671.9	14,222.4	14,441.8	449.5	230.1
Part-Time ('000)	3,438.6	3,475.5	3,482.5	-36.9	-43.9
Unemployed ('000)	1,373.7	1,360.8	1,389.6	12.9	-15.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.1	7.1	7.2	0.0	-0.1
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	6.8	6.8	7.0	0.0	-0.2
Participation Rate (%)	66.7	65.3	66.7	1.4	0.0
SASKATCHEWAN					
Labour Force ('000)	615.3	598.0	602.0	17.3	13.3
Employed ('000)	582.7	569.5	577.9	13.2	4.8
Full-Time ('000)	484.2	467.5	478.7	16.7	5.5
Part-Time ('000)	98.5	101.9	99.2	-3.4	-0.7
Unemployed ('000)	32.6	28.5	24.1	4.1	8.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.3	4.8	4.0	0.5	1.3
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	4.9	4.3	4.0	0.6	0.9
Participation Rate (%)	71.5	69.6	70.7	1.9	0.8
ALBERTA					
Labour Force ('000)	2,479.0	2,430.6	2,407.1	48.4	71.9
Employed ('000)	2,324.3	2,284.6	2,289.5	39.7	34.8
Full-Time ('000)	1,943.9	1,859.2	1,915.7	84.7	28.2
Part-Time ('000)	380.4	425.3	373.7	-44.9	6.7
Unemployed ('000)	154.7	146.0	117.6	8.7	37.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.2	6.0	4.9	0.2	1.3
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	5.8	5.5	4.7	0.3	1.1
Participation Rate (%)	74.1	72.8	73.5	1.3	0.6
MANITOBA					
Labour Force ('000)	679.5	670.2	663.1	9.3	16.4
Employed ('000)	640.1	632.6	627.4	7.5	12.7
Full-Time ('000)	518.5	510.0	504.2	8.5	14.3
Part-Time ('000)	121.6	122.6	123.2	-1.0	-1.6
Unemployed ('000)	39.4	37.6	35.7	1.8	3.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.8	5.6	5.4	0.2	0.4
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	5.7	5.5	5.5	0.2	0.2
Participation Rate (%)	68.9	68.0	68.0	0.9	0.9

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	May 2015	April 2015	May 2014	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
LABOUR FORCE ('000)	615.3	598.0	602.0	17.3	13.3
Male	332.4	323.3	327.7	9.1	4.7
Female	282.9	274.7	274.3	8.2	8.6
15-24 Years of Age	99.8	89.5	98.9	10.3	0.9
25+ Years of age	515.5	508.5	503.1	7.0	12.4
EMPLOYED ('000)	582.7	569.5	577.9	13.2	4.8
Male	315.4	306.3	313.8	9.1	1.6
Female	267.2	263.1	264.1	4.1	3.1
15-24 Years of Age	88.1	79.6	89.8	8.5	-1.7
25+ Years of age	494.5	489.9	488.1	4.6	6.4
UNEMPLOYED ('000)	32.6	28.5	24.1	4.1	8.5
Male	16.9	17.0	13.8	-0.1	3.1
Female	15.7	11.5	10.2	4.2	5.5
15-24 Years of Age	11.7	10.0	9.1	1.7	2.6
25+ Years of age	20.9	18.6	15.0	2.3	5.9
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	5.3	4.8	4.0	0.5	1.3
Male	5.1	5.3	4.2	-0.2	0.9
Female	5.5	4.2	3.7	1.3	1.8
15-24 Years of Age	11.7	11.2	9.2	0.5	2.5
25+ Years of age	4.1	3.7	3.0	0.4	1.1
PARTICIPATION RATE (%)	71.5	69.6	70.7	1.9	0.8
Male	76.7	74.6	76.5	2.1	0.2
Female	66.3	64.4	64.9	1.9	1.4
15-24 Years of Age	72.8	65.2	71.2	7.6	1.6
25+ Years of age	71.3	70.4	70.7	0.9	0.6

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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	May 2015	April 2015	May 2014	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
INDUSTRY ('000)					
Agriculture	42.9	41.0	45.3	1.9	-2.4
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	26.0	25.0	27.0	1.0	-1.0
Utilities	6.9	6.6	6.0	0.3	0.9
Construction	57.8	54.0	59.0	3.8	-1.2
Manufacturing	25.3	25.5	30.5	-0.2	-5.2
Trade	80.8	81.5	83.6	-0.7	-2.8
Transportation and Warehousing	30.6	30.4	29.4	0.2	1.2
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	30.9	31.0	28.7	-0.1	2.2
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	24.0	25.0	27.2	-1.0	-3.2
Business, Building and Other Support Services	15.3	15.0	13.9	0.3	1.4
Educational Services	48.2	48.6	45.4	-0.4	2.8
Health Care and Social Assistance	79.9	77.6	74.5	2.3	5.4
Information, Culture and Recreation	18.9	16.9	16.9	2.0	2.0
Accommodation and Food Services	39.0	35.7	36.0	3.3	3.0
Other Services	26.5	25.1	23.7	1.4	2.8
Public Administration	29.7	30.4	30.6	-0.7	-0.9
Total	582.7	569.5	577.9	13.2	4.8
HOURS OF WORK ('000)					
Full-Time	484.2	467.5	478.7	16.7	5.5
Part-Time	98.5	101.9	99.2	-3.4	-0.7
CLASS OF WORKER ('000)					
Employees	479.2	464.7	469.3	14.5	9.9
Public Sector	147.8	146.7	137.3	1.1	10.5
Private Sector	331.3	318.0	332.0	13.3	-0.7
Self-Employed	103.5	104.8	108.6	-1.3	-5.1

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	May 2015	April 2015	May 2014	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	18,110.5	17,697.9	17,924.4	412.6	186.1
Newfoundland & Labrador	237.1	229.3	239.6	7.8	-2.5
Prince Edward Island	74.3	69.4	76.1	4.9	-1.8
Nova Scotia	453.1	434.1	451.6	19.0	1.5
New Brunswick	356.4	343.7	357.9	12.7	-1.5
Quebec	4,141.1	4,058.0	4,075.3	83.1	65.8
Ontario	6,998.0	6,833.6	6,937.7	164.4	60.3
Manitoba	640.1	632.6	627.4	7.5	12.7
Saskatchewan	582.7	569.5	577.9	13.2	4.8
Alberta	2,324.3	2,284.6	2,289.5	39.7	34.8
British Columbia	2,303.4	2,243.1	2,291.4	60.3	12.0
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	7.1	7.1	7.2	0.0	-0.1
Newfoundland & Labrador	13.9	14.7	12.6	-0.8	1.3
Prince Edward Island	10.3	13.7	11.3	-3.4	-1.0
Nova Scotia	8.8	10.1	9.1	-1.3	-0.3
New Brunswick	10.2	11.6	10.7	-1.4	-0.5
Quebec	7.6	8.1	7.8	-0.5	-0.2
Ontario	6.9	6.8	7.7	0.1	-0.8
Manitoba	5.8	5.6	5.4	0.2	0.4
Saskatchewan	5.3	4.8	4.0	0.5	1.3
Alberta	6.2	6.0	4.9	0.2	1.3
British Columbia	6.4	6.2	6.4	0.2	0.0

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TABLE 5

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	May 2015	April 2015	May 2014	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	17,953.8	17,894.9	17,761.5	58.9	192.3
Newfoundland & Labrador	232.8	237.1	235.1	-4.3	-2.3
Prince Edward Island	72.5	73.2	73.7	-0.7	-1.2
Nova Scotia	446.7	443.0	445.1	3.7	1.6
New Brunswick	351.7	354.5	351.9	-2.8	-0.2
Quebec	4,108.8	4,110.9	4,038.6	-2.1	70.2
Ontario	6,931.7	6,887.8	6,878.7	43.9	53.0
Manitoba	635.4	638.6	621.2	-3.2	14.2
Saskatchewan	575.4	575.4	569.8	0.0	5.6
Alberta	2,307.5	2,313.9	2,269.1	-6.4	38.4
British Columbia	2,291.2	2,260.6	2,278.3	30.6	12.9
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	6.8	6.8	7.0	0.0	-0.2
Newfoundland & Labrador	13.8	12.6	12.6	1.2	1.2
Prince Edward Island	11.0	10.5	12.2	0.5	-1.2
Nova Scotia	8.8	9.2	9.1	-0.4	-0.3
New Brunswick	9.6	9.9	10.3	-0.3	-0.7
Quebec	7.6	7.4	7.9	0.2	-0.3
Ontario	6.5	6.8	7.2	-0.3	-0.7
Manitoba	5.7	5.5	5.5	0.2	0.2
Saskatchewan	4.9	4.3	4.0	0.6	0.9
Alberta	5.8	5.5	4.7	0.3	1.1
British Columbia	6.1	6.3	6.2	-0.2	-0.1

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TABLE 6

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(3 Month Moving Average)

	May 2015	April 2015	May 2014	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADIAN CITIES UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
St. John's	6.8	6.8	6.4	0.0	0.4
Halifax	7.1	6.9	6.0	0.2	1.1
Saint John	8.2	8.4	8.9	-0.2	-0.7
Quebec	4.5	5.5	6.0	-1.0	-1.5
Montreal	8.6	8.2	8.3	0.4	0.3
Ottawa-Gatineau	6.5	6.7	6.8	-0.2	-0.3
Toronto	7.1	6.9	7.8	0.2	-0.7
Greater Sudbury	7.6	7.3	7.4	0.3	0.2
Winnipeg	6.1	6.0	5.9	0.1	0.2
Regina	4.5	4.8	3.6	-0.3	0.9
Saskatoon	5.5	5.5	4.6	0.0	0.9
Calgary	6.0	5.8	5.8	0.2	0.2
Edmonton	6.8	6.4	5.6	0.4	1.2
Vancouver	6.2	6.0	5.6	0.2	0.6
Victoria	5.9	5.9	5.3	0.0	0.6
SASKATCHEWAN ECONOMIC REGIONS EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Regina-Moose Mountain	180.9	178.7	180.3	2.2	0.6
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	55.4	54.2	52.2	1.2	3.2
Saskatoon-Biggar	196.3	194.3	194.9	2.0	1.4
Yorkton-Melville	38.3	38.7	39.6	-0.4	-1.3
Prince Albert & Northern	101.3	98.2	99.1	3.1	2.2

Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)

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TABLE 7

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER

(3 Month Moving Average)

	May 2015	April 2015	May 2014	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
TOTAL POPULATION					
Labour Force ('000)	601.8	593.9	592.0	7.9	9.8
Employed ('000)	571.6	563.7	566.7	7.9	4.9
Unemployed ('000)	30.2	30.2	25.3	0.0	4.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.0	5.1	4.3	-0.1	0.7
Participation Rate (%)	70.0	69.1	69.7	0.9	0.3
Employment Rate (%)	66.5	65.6	66.7	0.9	-0.2
NON-ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	551.8	545.1	543.5	6.7	8.3
Employed ('000)	527.1	520.2	524.0	6.9	3.1
Unemployed ('000)	24.7	24.9	19.5	-0.2	5.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.5	4.6	3.6	-0.1	0.9
Participation Rate (%)	70.5	69.7	70.2	0.8	0.3
Employment Rate (%)	67.4	66.5	67.7	0.9	-0.3
ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	50.0	48.9	48.5	1.1	1.5
Employed ('000)	44.5	43.6	42.7	0.9	1.8
Unemployed ('000)	5.5	5.3	5.8	0.2	-0.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	11.0	10.8	12.0	0.2	-1.0
Participation Rate (%)	64.9	63.5	64.0	1.4	0.9
Employment Rate (%)	57.8	56.6	56.3	1.2	1.5
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Labour Force ('000)	18.4	18.2	17.8	0.2	0.6
Employed ('000)	15.3	15.1	15.1	0.2	0.2
Unemployed ('000)	3.1	3.1	2.7	0.0	0.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	16.7	16.9	15.0	-0.2	1.7
Participation Rate (%)	56.6	56.1	55.5	0.5	1.1
Employment Rate (%)	47.1	46.6	47.1	0.5	0.0
MÉTIS					
Labour Force ('000)	31.5	30.7	30.5	0.8	1.0
Employed ('000)	29.1	28.4	27.3	0.7	1.8
Unemployed ('000)	2.4	2.2	3.1	0.2	-0.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.7	7.3	10.3	0.4	-2.6
Participation Rate (%)	71.2	69.2	70.1	2.0	1.1
Employment Rate (%)	65.7	64.2	62.9	1.5	2.8

Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpretting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

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